Reply.—The matter was considered. There seems to be no necessity for raising the standard now.

310. Expediting the construction of the Malayalam Middle School at Attungal.

Mr. A. Harihara Iyer said that steps had been taken for constructing this building several years ago but that nothing substantial had been done so far.

Reply.—Steps for acquiring the necessary land have been completed. The land has only to be handed over to the Public Works Department after payment of compensation to the owner. The work will soon be taken in hand.

311. Opening of certain roads in Chirayinkil.

Mr. A. Harihara Iyer referred to the necessity for opening four roads in the taluk *viz.*, (1) from Chirayinkil market to Maman market, (2) from the 5th mile of the Kilimanur-Alangode road to the Mangalapuram market, Thonnakal, (3) from Nilakkamukku market to Kayikara Kadavu, and (4) from Attungal to Varkala *via* Dalawapuram.

Reply.—These roads are necessary. As soon as funds are available, the works will be put in hand.

312. Dredging of the Muthalapozhi at the mouth of the Vamanapuram river.

Mr. A. Harihara Iyer represented that the mouth of the Vamanapuram river became frequently blocked up and this caused harm in many ways to five proverties of the taluk. A sum of Rs. 50 was annually allotted for dredging it but this was hardly enough. The member said that it was not possible to remove the evil permanently but that it would be desirable to sanction more funds to afford timely relief whenever the difficulty presented itself.

Reply.—Orders will be issued to remove the obstruction complained of whenever applications are made.

QUILON DIVISION.

CHENGANNUR TALUK.

313. Opening of a hospital in Chengannur.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Pillai (*Chengannur*) said that Chengannur

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was the second taluk in the State in point of area and as such requested that either a new hospital might be opened there or the one existing at Punalur or Kottarakara transferred to that place.

Reply.—As I have already said, it is not possible to allow a hospital for each taluk. Medical institutions are established in populous centres and unhealthy quarters. So far as Chengannur is concerned, the hospitals at Mavelikara, Tiruvalla and Kozhencheri in the neighbourhood might be made use of by the people of that taluk.

314. Construction and improvement of certain roads and canals.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Pillai suggested that—

(1) the silted portions of the Moozhikal canal might be deepened;

(2) the road from Mavelikara to Aranmula *via* Chengannur might be converted into a cartable road;

(3) the road from Mannar from the 75th mile of the main central road might be rendered cartable;

(4) a road to Aruvikkara from the 71st mile of the main central road might be opened;

(5) a road might be constructed from Pantalam to Aranmula; and

(6) the road from Pantalam to Pathanamthitta *via* Omallur, might be improved.

Reply.—The improvement of the road from Mavelikara to Aranmula will be considered. The cost of improving the road from Mannar is prohibitive. The other works do not seem to be necessary.

315. Repair of the bridges on the Main Central road between the 75th and 79th miles.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Pillai said that the three bridges across the Manimala, Varattar and Pamba had to be repaired at an early date and that when the subject was moved last year Government promised favourable consideration.

Reply.—The matter is under correspondence.

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